PATENT

Docket No.: 3788-7000US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)   :   L. Ausubel

Serial No.   :   09/397,008   Group Art Unit: 2761

Filed   :   September 15, 1999   Examiner: Not yet assigned

For   :   ASCENDING BID AUCTION FOR MULTIPLE OBJECTS

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

[ ]   No additional fee is required.

[X]   The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Present Payments	Rate Extra	Additional Fee
Total Claims*	70	-20	= 50 x $18.00	$ 900.00
Independent Claims	8	-3	= 5 x $78.00	$ 390.00
Multiple (If claims added by amendment include Dependent Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there Claim(s) was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add $260.00 to additional fee.)				$_____
			Total:	$1,290.00

[ ]   Statement of "Small Entity" Status Under 37 CFR § 1.27 filed _____. Reduced Fees
Under 37 CFR § 1.9(f) (50% of total) paid herewith. $_____

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*   Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c).

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[X]   Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4503. Order No. 3788-7000US1.
         A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

[X]   The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503. Order No. 3788-7000US1.
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[ ]   ___ Page(s) of substitute Sequence Listing

[ ]   ___ Computer disk(s) containing substitute Sequence Listing

[ ]   Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.

[ ]   A check in the amount of $ _____ to cover the filing fee is attached.

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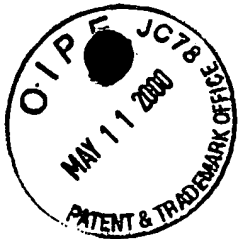
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Supplemental Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

<u>In the specification</u>

On page 4, line 24, delete "is" (first occurrence).
On page 18, line 2, change "If so, if the" to –If so, the-

<u>In the Claims</u>

Please add page 33 of the parent application (copy enclosed).

Please add the following new claims 77-108, as follows:

77.   A method for using a computer to implement an auction of a plurality of objects, two or more bidders participating in the auction, the auction allowing assignment of objects to one or more of the bidders at different prices, the method comprising:

a) inputting, into the computer, bids from participating bidders,

b) determining at the computer, based on the bids of step a), whether there is at least one object which is desired by only one bidder and, if so, assigning the determined object or objects to the determined bidder,

c) inputting, into the computer, subsequent to a prior determining step, bids from participating bidders,